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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

All persons may be supplied with this Paper, *and have* Advertisements *inserted, on as reasonable terms as the times will admit.*

LONDON, *May* 13.

Answer from the Court of Great Britain to the Declaration of the Empress of Russia, sent to the British Envoy at Petersburgh, April 13, 1780.

DURING the course of the war, wherein his Britannic Majesty finds himself engaged through the unprovoked aggression of France and Spain, he hath constantly manifested his sentiments of justice, equity, and moderation, in every part of his conduct. His Majesty hath acted towards friendly and neutral powers according to their own procedure respecting Great Britain, and conformable to the clearest principles generally acknowledged as the laws of nations, being the only law between powers where no treaties subsist, and agreeable to the tenour of his different engagements with other powers; those engagements have altered this primitive law, by mutual stipulations, proportioned to the will and convenience of the contracting parties.

"Strongly attached to her Majesty of all the Russias by the tie of reciprocal friendship and common interest, the King, from the commencement of those troubles, gave the most precise orders respecting the flag of her Imperial Majesty, and the commerce of her subjects, agreeable to the law of nations, and the tenor of the engagements stipulated by his treaty of commerce with her, and to which he shall adhere with the most scrupulous exactness.

"The orders to this intent have been renewed, and the utmost care will be taken for their strictest execution

"It may be presumed not the least irregularity will happen, but in case of any infringement contrary to these repeated orders taking place, the Court of Admiralty, which in this, like all other countries, are established to take cognizance of such matters, and in all cases to judge solely by the laws of nations, and by the specific stipulations of different treaties, will redress every hardship in so equitable a manner, that her Imperial Majesty shall be perfectly satisfied, and acknowledge a like spirit of justice which she herself possesses."

Lord North's friends are apprehensive of his having a dropsy; his physicians having at least declared that the rotundity of his belly "has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished:" But his Lordship, with the same indifference that he acts towards the state, though he is forced to admit the principle, takes no manner of thought about the mode of reducing it.

A letter from Paris says, the troops designed for the field are in motion, in number upwards of 100,000, with very formidable trains of artillery; that the number designed for the grand expedition will consist of about 60,000; Mons. Marbelais commands the whole at present, but M. D'Estaing will assume the command after embarkation.

BOSTON, July 17.

Extract of a letter from a principal officer at New Port, to his friend in this town, dated July 13.

I WISH you were here,—you would be delighted—the harbour affords a most pleasing appearance; seven French ships of the line (the first division) from 80 to 64 guns, a hospital ship of 64 guns, mounted with 40, and a number of transports. You know I was always exceedingly fond of our allies; but I assure you I never was more pleased than at present, with the officers of the fleet and army. The last evening the town was illuminated, and joy displayed in every countenance friendly to our great and good cause. The General and Commodore are most amiable in their appearance and behaviour, and at once display the officer and the gentleman. Indeed, it seems this character is applicable to the whole of the officers, from the highest to the lowest. There are many officers of the best families in France in this army. They left their country, ease, affluence, and friends, to support our cause; every attention is due to them. I am determined they shall have mine, and with great pleasure."

PHILADELPHIA, *August* 2.

BY accounts from St. Eustatius we learn, that about the 12th ult. the French and Spanish fleet being 33 or 34 ships of the line, besides frigates, transports, &c. with 15 or 20,000 land forces on board, sailed from Martinico, and went leeward; what island will feel their weight is still a secret; but by many in the West Indies it is thought Jamaica will be the place, where they will be joined by Admiral Pisquet, who is cruising off there with four ships. On the other hand it is said Commodore Walsingham with four, some say six ships, and about 3000 troops are arrived in the West Indies from England, which when joined with Adm. Rodney and Gen. Vaughan who are at St. Lucia, will make the British fleet about 23 or 24 ships, by replacing those the French have rendered useless, as appears by the Admiral's letter, and perhaps enable him to go on some petit expedition, if they have provision enough, which is said to be very scarce in the English islands as well as aboard their fleet.

WILLIAMSBURG, AUG. 19.

THE following vessels, mostly laden with tobacco, bound to France and the West Indies, have been lately taken in and near Chesapeake, and carried to New York, viz.

Schooner Evening Star; Schooner Mansford, Bush, master; Schooner Betsey; Schooner Hunter, Ross, master; Schooner ------; Brig Portsmouth Hero, Brown, master; Brig Potowmack; Brig Wasp; schooner Truce, Trott, master---Besides two schooners and one sloop, in the whole twelve sail.

Lately arrived at Philadelphia, a ship bound from Liverpool to Archangel, in Russia, with 11,000 bushels of salt, &c. taken in the North Sea by the ship General Washington, of Alexandria.

On the 28th ult. His Excellency General Washington, with the main body of the American army under his immediate command, crossed Hudson's river. It is said an important enterprize is on the eve of being undertaken by that renowned commander.

His Excellency General Washington hath made a fresh requisition to the state of Pennsylvania for 3500 men, to be sent forward, towards Hudson river, with all possible expedition.

It is reported that 15,000 New England militia have taken the field, and are on their march to Rhode Island, in order to cooperate with the French troops, under the command of Count Rochambeau.

Extract of a letter from Halifax, North Carolina, to a Gentleman in this city, dated Auguſt 12, 1780.

"General Gates is in poſſeſſion of Camden by this this time, I imagine, as he was near that place when Capt. Watts left him advancing, and the enemy retreating, and hope ſhortly we ſhall be near Charleſtown. We have had ſeveral ſkirmiſhes with the enemy, and have always been ſucceſsful. We hear that there has been an embarkation lately from Charleſtown of 1200 men for New York; I fancy they begin to be fearful of the French fleet attacking that place."

The firſt of May laſt died at Portſmouth, Sir Charles Hardy. The corpſe was eſcorted through the town by the ſenior and junior officers, and then put into a hearſe in order to be carried to Rawlings, in Oxfordſhire, for interment.

TO be ſold to the higheſt bidder, for ready money, at *Milner's*, on *Thurſday* the 7th of *September* next, a BOAT juſt launched, forty-ſix feet ſtraight rabbit, eighteen feet beam, and eight feet hold, built on the new conſtruction.

WILLIAM WEBB.

The following BOOKS *may be had at the* POST-OFFICE, WILLIAMSBURG.

CAMDEN's Britannia, 2 vols folio.
Salmon's abridgment of State Trials, 1 vol. folio.
The Law of Evidence.
A general Treatiſe of Naval Trade and Commerce, 2 vols. 8vo.
Shaw's Pariſh Law.
A Collection of the Statutes now in force.
An Eſſay for a general Regulation of the Law.
Duhamel's Husbandry, 1 vol. 4to.
Mandey's Mechanic Powers.
Leadbetter's Aſtronomy.
Sir Orlando Bridgman's Forms of Conveyances.
Stith's Hiſtory of Virginia.
Juſtice's Gardening. --Switzer's ditto. And many other books in the Engliſh language.

Alſo a collection of French, Latin, and Greek books, amongſt which are Ciceron de la Nature des Dieux, Fr. & Lat.---Les Decades de Tite Live ---La Communion Devote ---Le Nouveau Teſtament---Virgile de Catrou---Les Comedies de Terence.---Martialis Epigrammata.---M. Accii Comediæ ---Ciceronis epiſtolæ Familiares ---Le Annæi Senecæ ---Some fair Greek editions of Homer's Iliad---Lucian---Heſiod---Theocritus, &c.---With a variety of others.

THE AUDITORS of PUBLIC ACCOUNTS give this public notice to all delinquent County Lieutenants, Commanding Officers of Militia, and other perſons, who have received ſums of money for enliſting ſoldiers, ſailors, and marines, particularly under an act of Aſſembly paſſed in the year 1778, intituled "An act for ſpeedily recruiting the *Virginia* regiments on Continental eſtabliſhment," all Naval Officers, Eſcheators, Sheriffs, and Collectors of Taxes, County Court Clerks, Inſpectors of Tobacco at public warehouſes, Collectors of Militia Diviſions, and all ſuch as have had monies advanced them on account, that Judgments will be moved for at the next General Court againſt ſuch of them as ſhall fail to ſettle and account for the ſame by that time. The County Court Clerks are deſired to ſend to this Office copies of the ſheriffs and inſpectors bonds. The Commiſſioners of the Tax are alſo deſired to make their returns agreeable to law, ſpecifying the amount of the ſeveral taxable articles in columns, and that they in future make mention of the number of days they and their clerks ſeverally have attended and been employed, and not make the allowance in groſs, as heretofore has been the caſe in ſome counties, thereby preventing us from judging of the equity of ſuch allowance; and alſo that they, the Commiſſioners, call on all perſons indebted to the commonwealth for quitrents collected under the former government, to ſettle and make up their accounts, and to return copies of each ſettlement to this office.

THOMAS BREND,

BOOKBINDER AND STATIONER,

HAS for SALE, at his ſhop at the corner of Dr. Carter's large brick houſe, Teſtaments Spelling Books, Primers, Ruddiman's Rudiments of the Latin Tongue, Watts's Pſalms, Blank Books, Quills Sealing-Wax, Pocket-Books, and many other articles in the Stationery way. Old books rebound; and any Gentlemen who have paper by them and want it made into Account Books, may have it done on the ſhorteſt notice.

Williamsburg, July 28, 1780.

INDIAN KING TAVERN and INN,

BALTIMORE-TOWN.

THE ſubſcriber moſt reſpectfully acquaints his friends and the public, that he hath removed into that large and commodious new houſe, near the upper end of Market-Street, which was erected expreſsly for the purpoſe of a tavern and inn, by the late Capt *Lems*, where he propoſes, under favour of a generous public, to keep a genteel houſe of entertainment for travellers and others, who may rely on meeting with good fare, and the civilleſt treatment, as it will be his uniform endeavour to pleaſe all who ſhall favour him with their cuſtom. He is determined to be conſtantly furniſhed with the beſt of liquors and proviſions, as well as every requiſite ſuitable for his deſign. The Houſe is extremely well calculated for the purpoſe intended, it having many neat apartments for the accommodation of ſuch who wiſh for privacy and retirement, and a ſpacious room for the reception of large companies, who may have occaſion to meet on buſineſs or recreation. His ſtables, which he is determined to pay the utmoſt attention to, can receive with convenience upwards of ſixty horſes, and are every way equal to the beſt on the continent. He hath alſo a ſpacious and ſafe yard for carriages. Good hay and grain are provided, and an excellent hoſtler is in conſtant attendance. As the propriety of appropriating this Houſe to the purpoſes above mentioned has been frequently ſuggeſted as a meaſure which would prove beneficial to the public, and advantageous to the undertaker, under that idea the ſubſcriber has ventured, at a great expenſe, to take and furniſh it, not doubting but he ſhall meet with encouragement from the public adequate to his perſevering exertions to ſerve them.

July 27, 1780. THOMAS DE WITT.

July 25, 1780.

I WILL ſell for ready caſh, or any kind of tickets that will anſwer the purpoſe of paying taxes, a very valuable negro fellow about thirty-five years of age; he is remarkably ſtrong and active, has been regularly brought up to the butchering buſineſs, and is a very good hoſtler. The terms may be known by applying to *Dr. Galt*, in *Williamsburg*, or me, in *York* county.

tf WILLIAM PASTEUR.

RUN away from the ſubſcriber laſt Sunday night, a young mulatto wench named *Sukey*. Her dreſs when ſhe went away was white *Virginia* cloth, a linen bonnet made in the faſhion; ſhe has a large buſhy head of hair, her upper fore teeth much decayed, and I ſome of them out, which cauſes her to liſp, ſhews her teeth when laughing, and is very brazen and impertinent. She can waſh, iron, and cook. I expect ſhe will make to ſome town or public place, and may attempt to paſs for a free wench. Whoever delivers the ſaid wench to me in Newcaſtle, ſhall receive a reward of one hundred pounds if taken fifty miles from this place, and in proportion for a greater or leſſer diſtance.

WILLIAM TINSLEY.

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